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Please replace all prior claims in the application with the following:

Claim 1 (canceled)

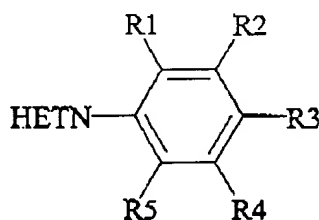
Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~Process~~ The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ 6, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the solvent is acetone, acetonitrile, dimethylsulphoxide, dimethylacetamide, N-methylpyrrolidone or dimethylformamide.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~Process~~ The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ 6, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the solvent is dimethylformamide.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~Process~~ The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ 6, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that HAL in the general formula XIV is a fluorine atom.

Claim 6 (new): A process for preparing compounds of general formula I,



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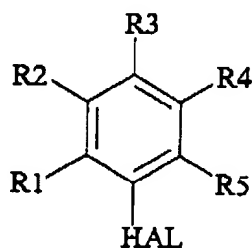
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in which HETN is an indol-1-yl, a pyrrol-1-yl, an imidazol-1-yl, a benzimidazol-1-yl, an indazol-1-yl, a carbazol-9-yl, or a [1,2,4]triazol-1-yl, and R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 are independently hydrogen, nitro, cyano, alkoxycarbonyl with up to 5 carbon atoms, aldehyde, alkylcarbonyl with up to 5 carbon atoms, arylcarbonyl, or amide, provided that R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 are not all hydrogen atoms, the process comprising:

reacting an aromatic aza-heterocycle with a compound of general formula XIV,

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XIV

at a temperature between room temperature and about 80°C, inclusive, and in the presence of cesium carbonate and one or more dipolar aprotic solvents;

wherein the aromatic aza-heterocycle is an indole, a pyrrole, an imidazole, a benzimidazole, an indazole, a carbazole, or a [1,2,4]triazole.

Claim 7 (new): The process according to claim 6, wherein the compound of general formula XIV is reacted with an indole.

Claim 8 (new): The process according to claim 6, wherein the aromatic aza-heterocycle and the compound of general formula XIV are reacted at room temperature.

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